

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Does it not also
violate rules
regarding broadcast
content in the weeks
before a
presidential
election? Shouldn't
they also have to
broadcast the
opposing point of
view, such as the
Kerry documentary,
Going Upriver: The
Long War of John
Kerry? I urge you to
take action to
prevent this
obviously biased
abuse of the public
airwaves that has a
clear intention of
influencing the
election. This is
NOT the place of
America's broadcast
stations and
certainly not
"news".

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.